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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 28, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

The following Listing of the Claims will replace all prior versions and all prior listings of the claims in the present application:

Listing of The Claims:

1. (Presently Amended) A method of preparing a nucleic acid sample for an analytical procedure, said sample comprising template nucleic acid and synthetic nucleic acid, wherein said template and synthetic nucleic acid comprise DNA, said method comprising